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ISRAEL COMPLAINS ABOUT GEN. BURNS' REPORT

Jerusalem, Dec. 22.

The Israeli Foreign Minister, Mr Moshe Sharett, tonight replied to the report which the United Nations truce observer in Palestine Major-General Edson Burns, has submitted to the Security Council on the Israeli attack on Syrian troops in the Sea of Galilee area on December 11.

UN Members Regrouping

New York, Dec. 22. MEMBERS of the United Nations are regrouping, its Secretary-General, Mr Dag Hammarskjöld, told a press conference today.

This was one of the emerging signs of the world body's "state of flux" and was a step towards maturity because it was an approach to the parliamentary type of system, he said.

Mr Hammarskjöld said he thought the 16 new members, who have just been elected, would sharpen this trend.

Next Assembly

The next Assembly might start in November after America's presidential elections, he said.

Mr Hammarskjöld suggested that in the next Assembly delegates should show "greater responsibility" in planning their speeches with perhaps one member speaking for a group instead of each speaking individually.

He also suggested better "screening" for the agenda saying some questions had been postponed this year without harm.—Reuter.

Mr Sharett complained that General Burns made no reference to various facts proving Israel's rights in the area, nor to the grave nature of Syrian attacks on Israeli fishermen in the Sea of Galilee since the start of the winter fishing season.

The Israeli Foreign Minister claimed that Syria attacked on October 17, December 1 and December 10, in spite of a ruling by the truce commission, giving Israel fishing rights in the specified area.

Detailed Account

Israel is to send to the Security Council a detailed account of the incidents, Mr Sharett said in order to correct the possible impression on the Burns report.

Israel will ask why Syria has refused to explain to the truce commission the detention of four Israeli soldiers in Syria since December 8, 1954.

The Israeli report will reflect Israeli anxiety to bring the whole picture of her relations with Syria before the United Nations and not merely recent incidents.—France-Press.

Chess Set Caricature

Wellington, Dec. 22. A civil servant, Mr R. Wartman, has made a chess set in which the king is a caricature of the Prime Minister, Mr Sidney Holland, and the other pieces are members of his cabinet.

The Queen is Mrs Hilda Ross, Minister for Welfare of Women and Children.

Now Mr Wartman is to make a set of the Parliamentary Opposition with the help of a well-known political cartoonist.—China Mail Special.

Pakistan Supports Marshall's Bid For Dominion Status

Karachi, Dec. 22.

Singapore Chief Minister David Marshall said here today that he had been assured of Pakistan's support in the British colony of Singapore's bid for Dominion status.

MORRISON TO LEAD MIDDLE EAST MISSION



London, Dec. 22. Mr Herbert Morrison, former deputy leader of the British Labour Party, is leading a small group of Labour Party members on a fact-finding mission to the Middle East during the parliamentary Christmas recess.

They expect to leave early in the new year and will be away about a fortnight to three weeks. They will visit Jordan and Israel to see at first hand some of the causes of the present tension in the area.—Reuter.

HIS MUSIC FELL FLAT

Melbourne, Dec. 22. A musician in an army band, whose cornet hit the floor while he was playing a tricky passage, was charged at a court martial with "throwing to the floor one band instrument, to wit, one cornet B flat, thereby causing damage to the said instrument and loss to the Commonwealth of Australia. His defence: "I dropped it." The penalty: £5 and costs.—China Mail Special.

Mr Marshall, who left here for home tonight after a two-day official visit, added, however, that Pakistan believed it would be preferable if Singapore and the Federation of Malaya arrived at Dominion status as a single constitutional unit.

"I am heartily in agreement with this idea," Mr Marshall said. Mr Marshall, who was speaking to journalists, added that his talks with Pakistani Premier, Mr Choudhry Mohammed Ali, were "most friendly" and that he had found his host "completely understanding."

Communique

The Pakistani Government issued the following communique on Mr Marshall's departure.

"Pakistani Premier Choudhry Mohammed Ali expressed sympathy for the aspirations of the people of Singapore, and considered them to be perfectly natural."

"He has confidence that it will be possible to solve the peculiar problems of Singapore without in any way hindering the natural desires of the people of Singapore for freedom and a fuller life. He wishes them God-speed." — France-Press.

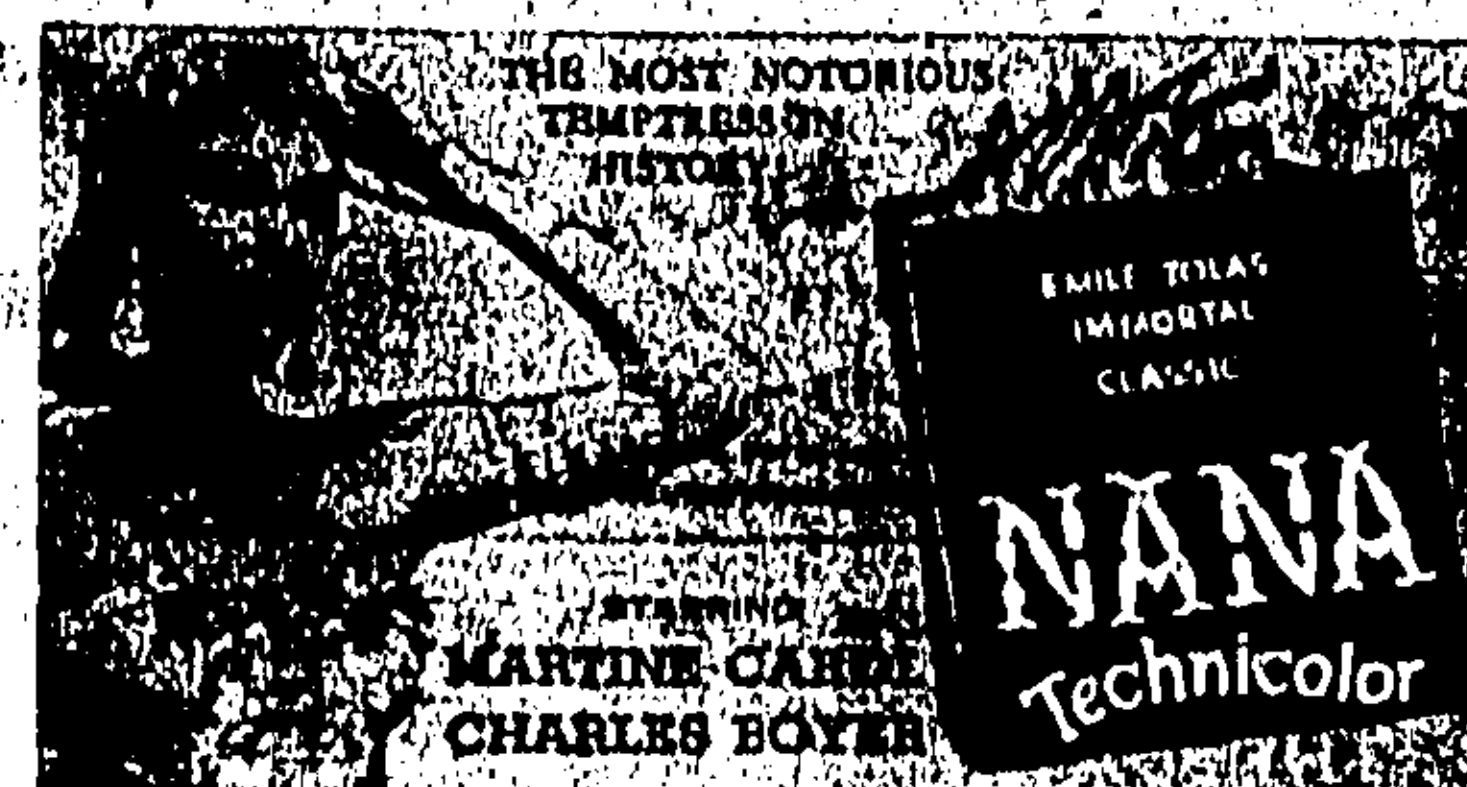
European Coal & Steel Pool Talks

London, Dec. 23. M. René Mayer, President of the High Authority of the European Coal and Steel Community, will visit Washington in February at the invitation of Mr John Foster Dulles for talks on progress made by the Community so far.

An announcement by the Coal and Steel Community today said that M. Mayer would arrive in Washington on February 6.

The talks with Mr Dulles and other members of the United States Government will be attended by Mr Walton Butterworth, head of the headquarters of the Coal and Steel Community.

The Community's announcement said the talks would cover "the significance of results achieved by the High Authority during the past three years in establishing and administering the common market for coal and steel" in the six-member pool—France, West Germany, Italy, Belgium, Holland, and Luxembourg.—Reuter.



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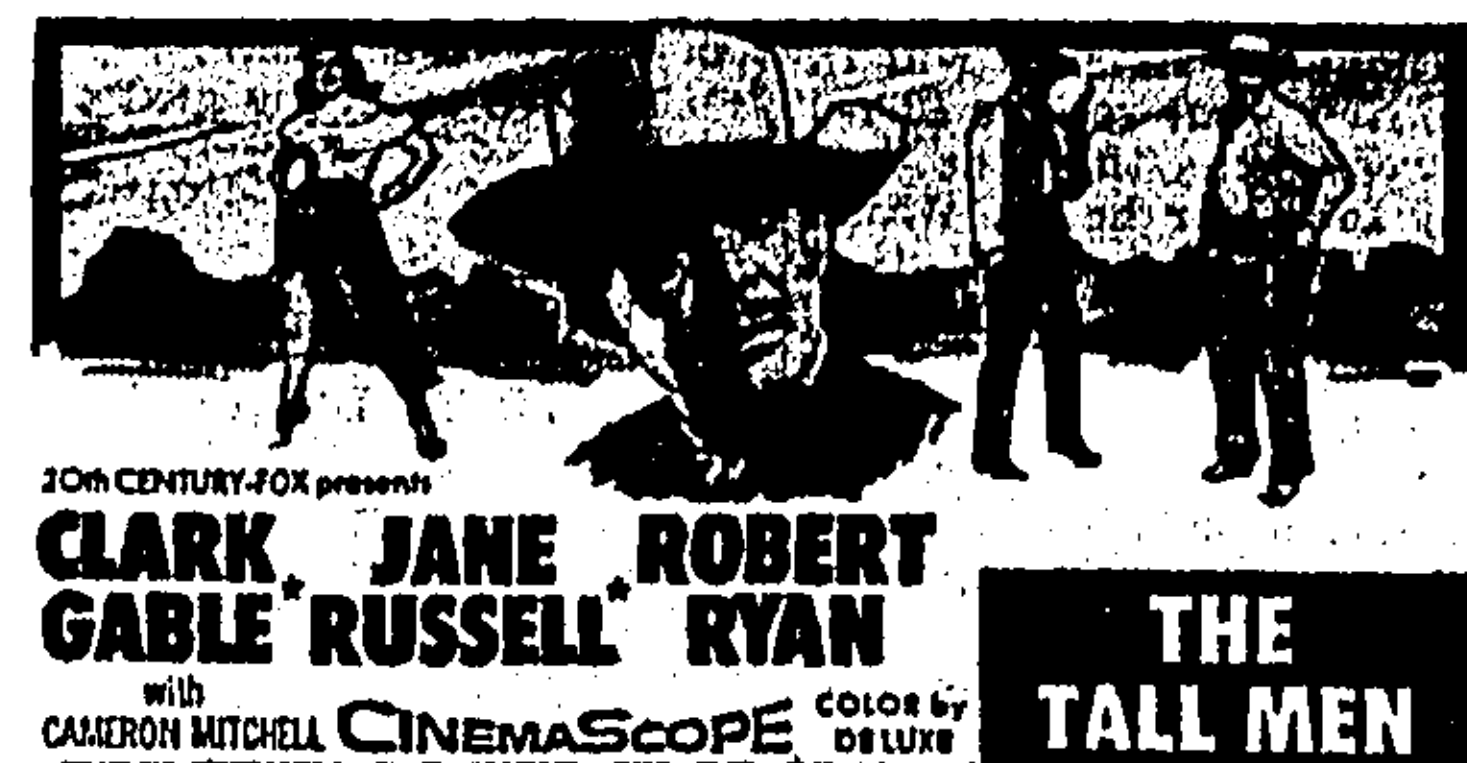


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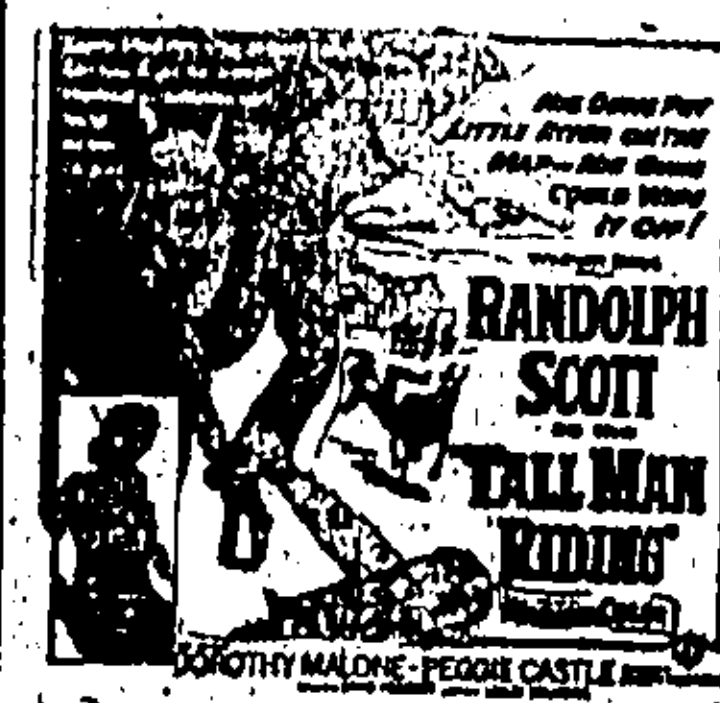
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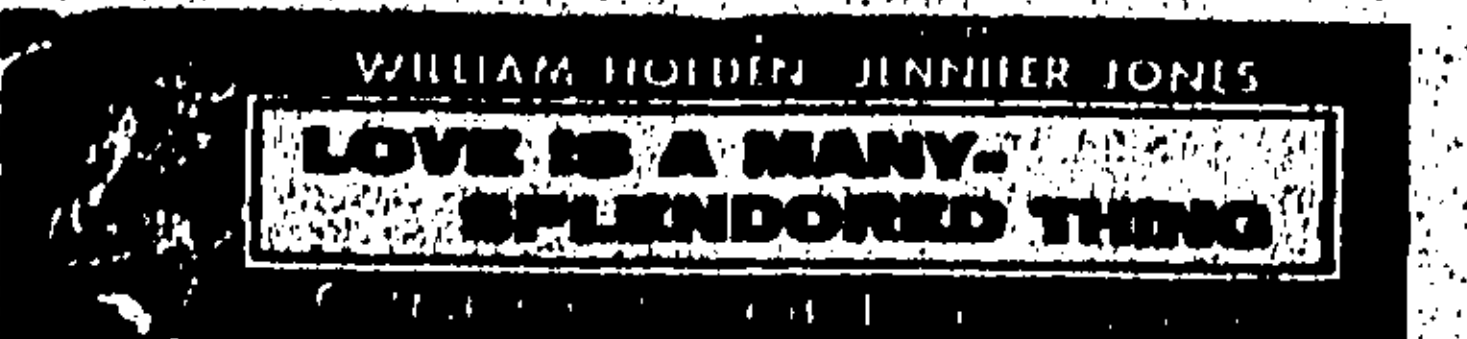
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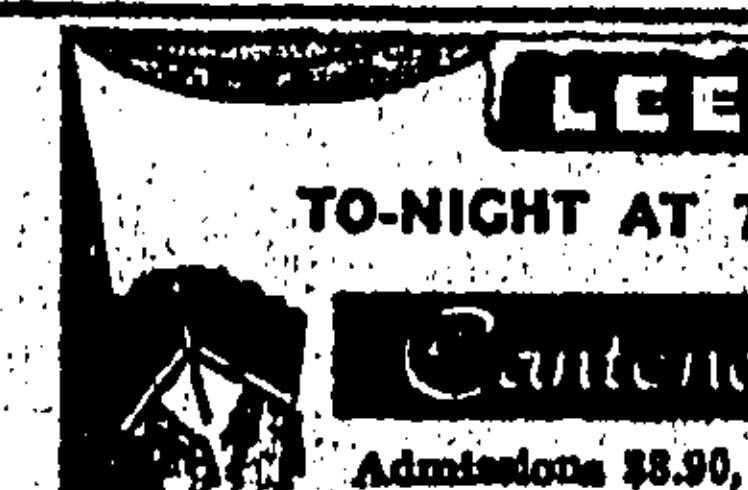
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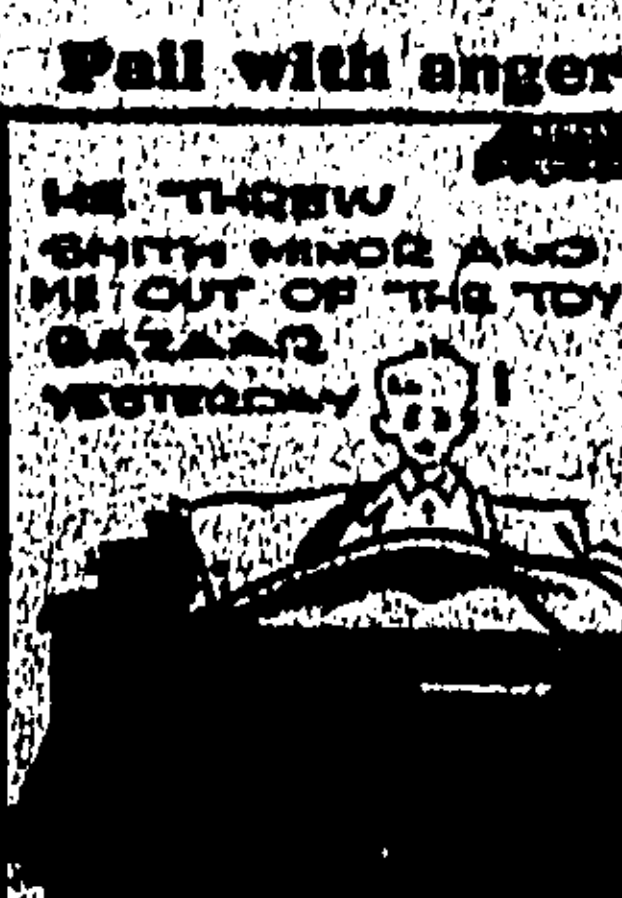
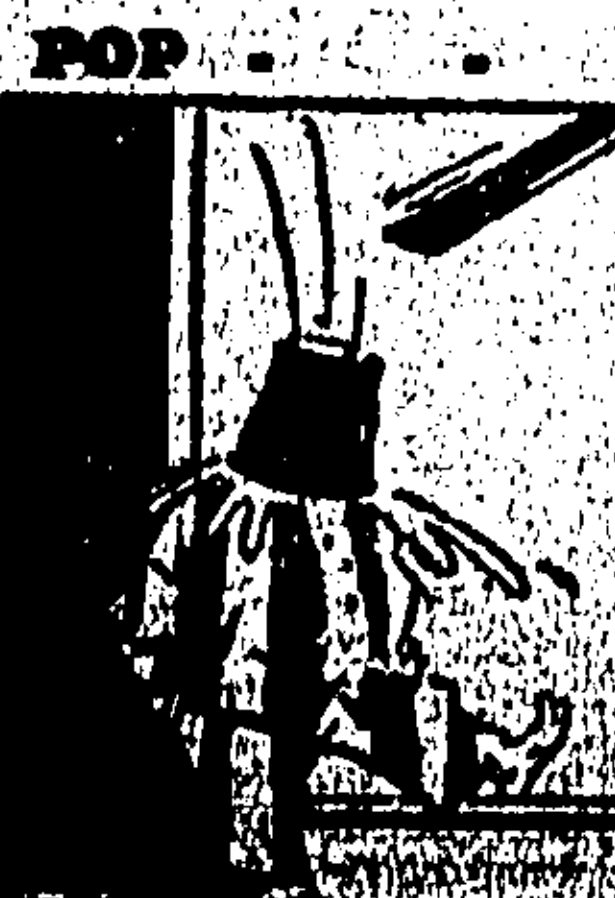
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New Trouble Anticipated In Algeria

New Role Planned For USS Kentucky

Norfolk, Va., Dec. 22.—The uncompleted battleship Kentucky will probably be the United States Navy's first floating platform for a medium range ballistic missile, the Norfolk Virginian Pilot said today.

The newspaper said this fact had been confirmed by the Navy Under-Secretary, Mr. Thomas S. Gates, Jr., who also was quoted as saying a newly designed light cruiser would be the world's first atomic powered surface vessel. — China Mail Special.

Dutch Refuse To Budge Over West N. Guinea

The Hague, Dec. 22.—Mr. Joseph Luns, Minister for Indonesian Affairs, and head of the Netherlands delegation at the present Indonesian-Netherlands talks at Geneva, said today the sovereignty of the Netherlands over West New Guinea was "indisputable." He declared "we will not budge an inch from this position."

Mr. Luns was speaking in the Second Chamber of the Netherlands Parliament in the face of Parliamentary criticism of the talks.

He said the Netherlands could not have refused the Indonesian request for the talks, since the aim of the Netherlands foreign policy was to establish good relations between the two countries.

Mr. Luns said the Netherlands Government had no complaint "in principle" against the choice of Geneva for the talks. The change from The Hague had been made at an Indonesian request, he added. — France-Press.

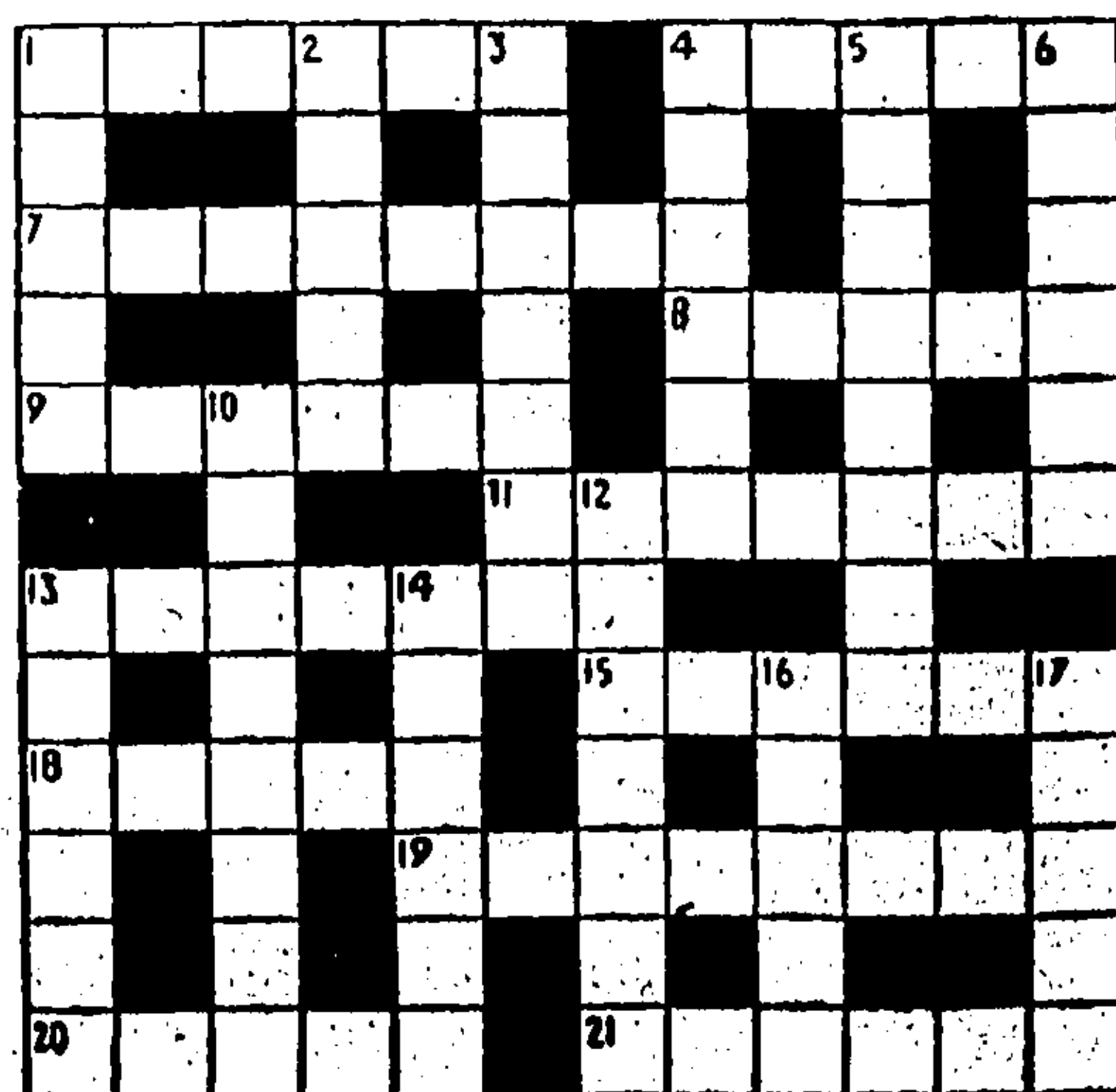
Australia To Thoroughly Test Vaccine

New Delhi, Dec. 22.—Sir MacFarlane Burnet, the Australian virologist, said here today that Australia had decided to make the Salk "anti-polio" vaccine, and in view of the recent controversy over it, would issue the vaccine only after thorough tests.

Sir MacFarlane, director of the Walter and Eliza Hall Institute of Medical Research, Melbourne, and a world authority on virus diseases, told a press conference it was proposed to immunize Australian children with the Salk vaccine when they entered school at the age of five or six.

The problem of vaccinating infants had still to be solved but ultimately it would have to be overcome, he said. — China Mail Special.

A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS**
- Struggled for breath (6).
 - Foundation (5).
 - Adversary (8).
 - Heavy blow (5).
 - Extent (6).
 - Bull (7).
 - Prize (7).
 - Believe (6).
 - Concerning (5).
 - Strove to equal (8).
 - Birds (5).
 - Make beloved (6).
- DOWN**
- Sheen (5).
 - Liability (5).
 - Fearful (7).
 - Combat (6).
 - Place (5).
 - Dense (6).
 - Oratory (8).
 - Hermit (7).
 - Calm (6).
 - Expresses (6).
 - Animal (5).
 - Royal line (5).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 1 Arms, 4 Respect, 6 Apex, 9 Epic, 10 Scrape, 11 Rate, 12 Tale, 14 Blunder, 17 Elude, 19 Scarp, 22 Tremble, 23 Red, 27 Axis, 28 Spruce, 29 Vain, 30 Base, 31 Unready, 32 Nose Down, 33 Appeal, 34 Waxed, 4 Beat, 5 Excel, 6 Plain, 7 Crepe, 12 Test, 13 Line, 15 Lure, 16 Base, 18 Kiosk, 20 Crayon, 21 Admit, 24 Blot, 25 Woe.

SEPARATE NATION RECOGNITION DEMAND EXPECTED

Paris, Dec. 22.—A move to demand recognition of Algeria as a separate nation was reported today from the troubled French North African territory, where new terrorism is casting a growing shadow over the French election campaign.

In the past three days, 52 people have been killed in a new wave of attacks by rebels who want to change Algeria's status as a province of France.

The French Governor-General there, M. Jacques Soustelle, is reported to have asked for another 60,000 troops to reinforce the 168,000 now stationed in Algeria.

The present French caretaker government in charge of the country until its successor is formed after polling on January second is believed to be embarrassed by the request.

Unpopular Move

An unwritten convention prevents it as a temporary government from taking a major decision such as sending big reinforcements.

This also means recalling more conscripts—an unpopular move which would almost certainly damage the chances of the Government centre-right parties in the election.

The Prime Minister, M. Edgar Faure, decided last night to send out a small commission of inquiry to find exactly what is needed, but this is widely felt here to be a temporising measure designed to stave off any action until after the elections.

M. Jacques Duhamel, the Premier's chief personal assistant, will lead the inquiry. It was reported from Algiers today that the action committee of the "O.I." group—Muslims elected to the Algerian Assembly or to local government bodies—had met and was expected to produce a resolution calling for recognition of "the Algerian nation."

Until lately, these men have usually represented those Algerian Muslims favouring continuation of existing Franco-Algerian relations, under which Algeria is ruled as a French province and all its inhabitants are French citizens.

Have Refused

But under threats of death at the hands of the rebels, these public men are rapidly shifting their ground and going over to the attitude of the rebels, who want Algeria to be at least as independent as Morocco or Tunisia.

French governments have refused any concessions in this direction because Algeria is officially part of France. There are a million Frenchmen in the territory and handing over responsibility to the North African population would be even greater than it was in the case of French living in Morocco.

Meanwhile in Burgundy, there was a local success for M. Pierre Poujade, leader of the shopkeepers tax reform movement, which is putting up candidates for the French election.

Due To Apathy

"Poujadist" candidates won most of the seats in elections for the Chamber of Commerce of Dijon and Beaune, in the heart of the Burgundy wine country.

It is said the successes were mostly due to apathy.

M. Poujade's adversaries concede that he will win a million votes which would embarrass a number of centre-right candidates.

The clear cut party battles formed by leaders in Paris—as between the Republican Front led by M. Pierre Mendes-France and the Union of Independents led by M. Antoine Pinay, Conservative Foreign Minister—are soon lost to view in the provincial constituencies, French journalists reported.

Not Certain

They thought that in many cases, it would be difficult to say in the new Assembly who was for whom. This may, experts thought, be specially difficult in the case of the Radicals.

M. Mendes-France is a Radical and M. Faure, now one of his opponents, has been expelled from the party.

But once elected, it was said it would by no means be certain that members would follow in the Assembly, the leaders to whom they now claimed allegiance. — Reuter.

US-German Atomic Pact

Washington, Dec. 22.—The West German Ambassador to the United States, Dr. Heinrich L. Kroger, was understood to have discussed the possibility of a bilateral atomic pact between the Federal Government and the United States, which he saw the Secretary of State, Mr. John Foster Dulles, today.

A well-informed source said the Bonn Government Minister for Atomic Affairs, Herr Franz Josef Strauss, was expected to arrive in Washington to sign the pact at the end of February.

The United States has bilateral atomic pacts with some 30 countries. — France-Press.



Donna Carla Gronchi, wife of Italy's president, Giovanni Gronchi, last Saturday inaugurated the world-famous Milan Doll Show, where a striking variety of dolls from many nations were on display. Picture shows Donna Gronchi admiring "Coronation of the Queen," a doll offered by the local British Consulate. — Express Photo.

TOWNS EVACUATED Eight US Rivers On Rampage

San Francisco, Dec. 22.—Torrential rains driven by gale force winds struck northern California today, sending at least eight rivers on wild rampages and forcing evacuation of scores of towns.

The fresh rains, an extension of a storm that has continued almost without interruption for the past seven days, dumped more than 6½ inches on some mountain areas in 24 hours.

Reports of towns being evacuated poured in from throughout the northern half of the state. One of the hardest hit was Oroville on the Feather River where parts of the southern half of the city had to be evacuated. Homeless residents were given temporary refuge in the country court house.

Late reports said "several hundred" people had been evacuated in Butte County and 200 at a labour camp near Gridley.

The commander at Hamilton Air Force base in Marin County ordered "immediate evacuation" of all aircraft after flood waters moved on the field.

Hamilton said its planes would be flown to other bases for refuge, "any place in California or Nevada that has room for us."

The aircraft at Hamilton include jet fighters, B-29s and C-119s.

"Everything's got to go," a base spokesman said. — United Press.

Washington, Dec. 22.—The impact on Pakistan of the recent Soviet diplomatic offensives in India and Afghanistan was discussed at length today during a talk between the Pakistan Ambassador to the United States, Mr. Mohammed Ali, and the Assistant Secretary of State, Mr. George Allen.

Mr. Mohammed Ali, told newsmen that he did not feel that his country had been isolated by the recent Soviet moves in South Asia: "Why should we feel isolated, we have got good friends," he said.

He indicated that he had not specifically discussed with Mr. Allen the American offer of its good offices in the Pakistan-Afghanistan dispute.

Asked about the possibility of a plebiscite for Kashmir, the former Prime Minister expressed hope that such a plebiscite would take place in the future. — France-Press.

New Engine For Test Comet III

Montreal, Dec. 22.—THE de Havilland Company has been asked to fly out a new engine from England for possible replacement on the Comet III jet airliner which was forced to turn back to Montreal last night, a de Havilland spokesman said here tonight.

The spokesman said the Comet would fly to de Havilland's Canadian plant at Toronto on three engines for a more thorough examination.

The giant plane, which was on the homeward leg of a round-the-world test flight when it was forced to turn back, will not return home until after Christmas.

Fuel Pipe Fault

The spokesman said today's checkup showed that a fitting on a fuel pipe had failed shortly after takeoff last night. This was due primarily to the extreme cold and a big change in temperatures.

This caused the fire warning to flash on the plane's control board and though there was no fire or danger of one Group Captain John Cunningham turned back and landed after dumping 4,000 gallons of fuel.

"We have thought it best to have a new engine flown out from England in case it should prove necessary to make a replacement," the spokesman said. — Reuter.

General Strike Called In Chile

Santiago, Dec. 22.—Chile's United Labour Central called today for a general strike in support of an outlawed strike by 14,000 copper miners now in its second week.

Labour Central announced that a membership vote on a general strike would be taken next Wednesday. It also demanded release of 33 copper strikers held for trial on charges of violating the law for the defence of democracy.

The office of the Controller-General of the Republic rejected in its present form a copper workers' code recently approved by Congress.

Workers at the huge American-owned mills at Chuquibambilla, Potrerillos and El Teniente went on strike in protest against the code, claiming it was contrary to their interests. — United Press.

Rail Strike

Rome, Dec. 22.—The Communist-led Italian Railwaymen's Union tonight called a 24-hour strike for December 29 to support its claims for more pay.

Non-Communist railwaymen's unions refused to join the strike describing it as "inopportune at the present time." — Reuter.



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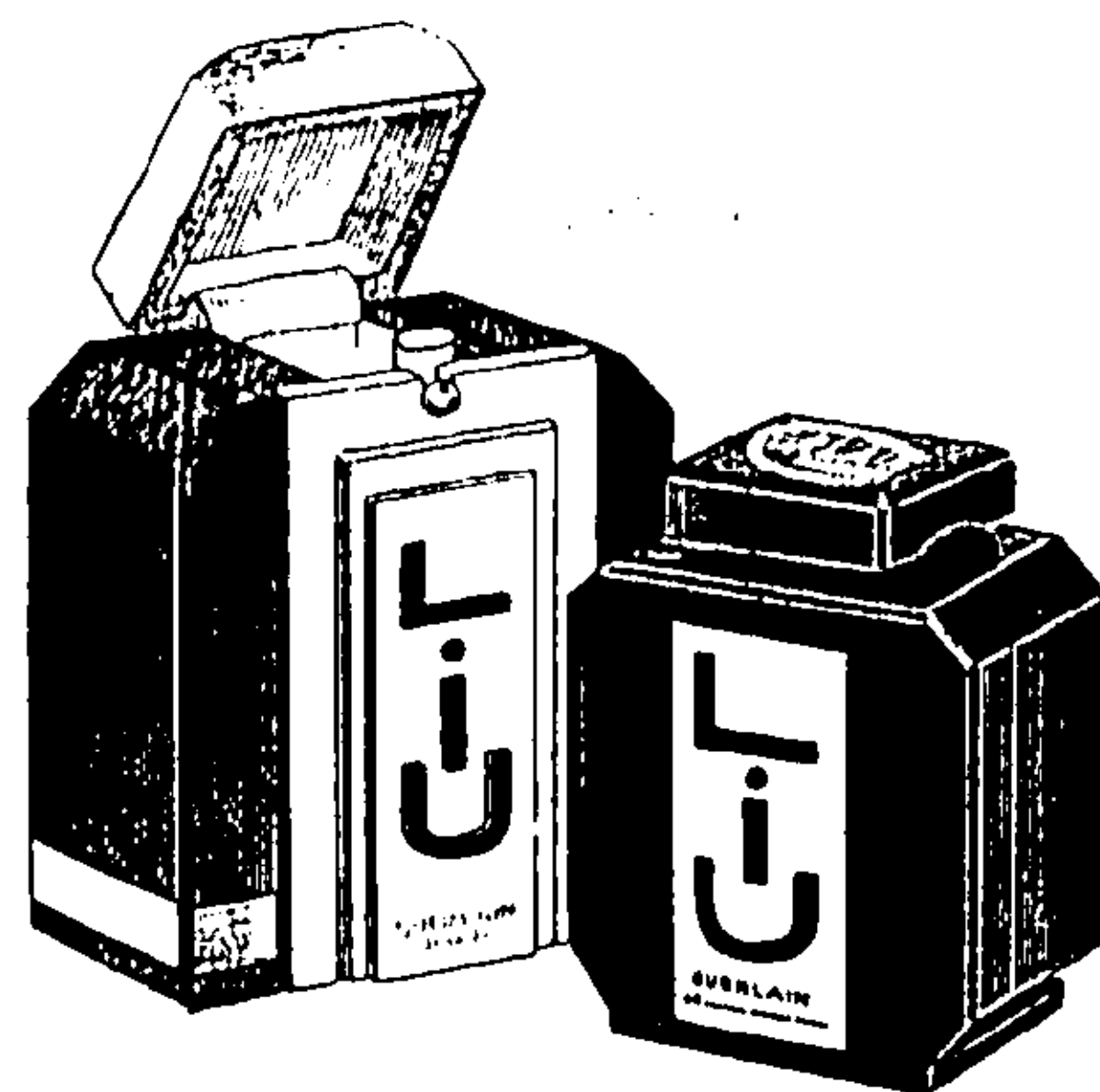
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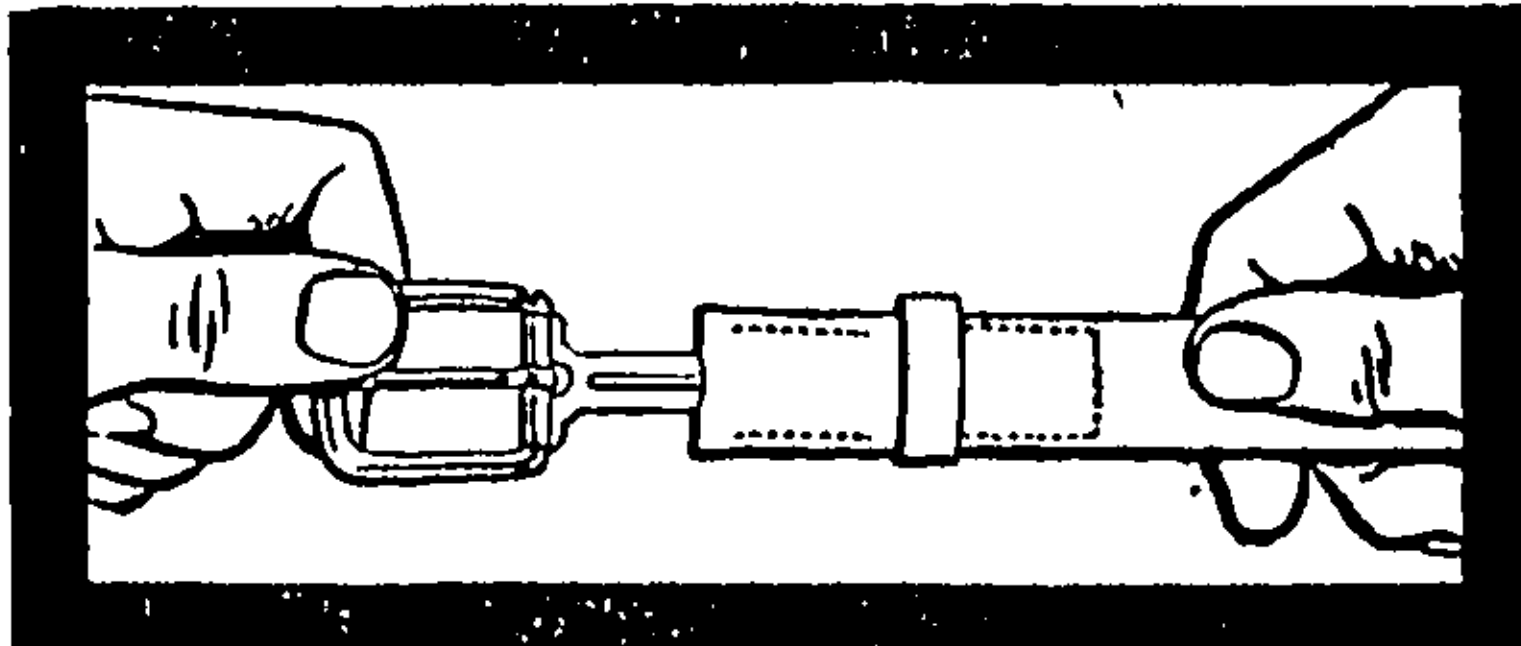
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Britain's Christmas Princess

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LONDON
NINETEEN years ago on a Christmas afternoon, somebody broke with precedent. Someone in authority threw protocol over his shoulder. Some official was infected with the Christmas spirit.

Instead of writing at the end of the Gazette Extraordinary which announced the birth of Princess Alexandra the stuffy conventional "condition is satisfactory," somebody wrote: "Her Royal Highness and the infant Princess are doing excellently."

I like to feel that, about that Gazette, there was a touch of conscious provokery. It was the first note approaching "galeity" that has been allowed to enter into so august a communication.

Princess Alexandra cried through her christening, and that, too, was recorded in an official communication from Buckingham Palace—and I don't think that has a parallel either.

CHAMPAGNE

And now Princess Alexandra has grown into the princess who darts to be gay. The princess who drinks orange juice and sparkles like champagne.

Very early in her young life she protested against the penalty of the Christmas-born—and secured a royal ruling that there should be two sets of presents, one marked "not to be opened until Boxing Day."

She was only six when the tragedy of her father's death shook a Commonwealth at war.

She was the youngest bridesmaid at the wedding of her future Queen.

She wore a coronet at the Coronation—and looked like a princess out of a fairy tale in the great golden box of the Royal Ladies.

She went, as so many girls of proud lineage have gone, but as no British Princess had gone before, to Paris for her "finishing." And her mother chose for her the home of the Pretender to the Throne of France, the Count of Paris.

COMMONSENSE

I like to think that one of the reasons was that it was called the Chateau de Coeur Volant—the Castle of the Flying Heart.

It is a lovely conceit. It has about it that same charm, that same gaiety, as the young Princess. It has about it a touch of Ruritanian, an echo of the music of Strauss.

It had also a firm practical, commonsense basis, for the Count of Paris has a household of eleven children, who used to go out to school by tram and bus in the mornings.

They went through university and worked at least as hard as any other students there, and were taken in hand by father when they came home in the evenings.

Princess Alexandra's life in Paris was that of any young girl. She ate at cheap little restaurants and went to art galleries and museums, travelled on the Metro railway and explored the unexpected with her brother.

INHERITANCE

She "came out" at last in 1954 with a Court Circular which stated formally—and coldly this time—that she had visited the headquarters of the British Red Cross Society. She did not allow even that to blunt her sense of humour.

She couldn't do that, for her sense of humour is her first inheritance from her lovely mother. Her second is that beauty which derives from half the Royal lines of Europe. And a third and lesser but still important inheritance is a sense of dress, compounded not only of taste and feeling for colour but of the ability to wear charming clothes with charm.

In her nineteenth year, in the first year of her public life, as it were, of her coming of age, she has already established her place in the heart of the British Commonwealth.



—(London Express Service)—

Otto John followed his own advice

IF THE REDS GET YOU... WAIT...PICK YOUR MOMENT

By Sefton Delmer

DR OTTO JOHN, the West German Intelligence chief who went over to the East last year, has come back to the West—by following a rule he used to make for his own agents.

He told me about that rule in one of our many talks while he was still working for the Bonn Government:—"I've always told our fellows that if they fell into the hands of the Reds the best thing is to play along with the secret police chaps, try to lull them into confidence, then take the first opportunity to escape."

I have never told of this conversation before because I have always hoped some day John would take his own advice.

The big quiz

AND now he is back in West Germany. Can he be punished under German law?

The West German Attorney-General has conducted a long inquiry into the case. In the absence of John he reached the conclusion that the evidence all suggested the former security chief had gone to the East, not as part of a long-prepared treason plan but rather on the spur of the moment.

Furthermore, that as far as could be judged he had had no intention of remaining there—until he was "persuaded" to do so by the Soviet authorities.

And Western Intelligence high-ups have assured me that John had not "blown" any secret chaps.

Look at the background.... I first met John back in 1944. And in German eyes I have been almost as much involved in his mysterious disappearance as John himself or the macabre Dr Wolfgang Wohlgemuth.

This was the Berlin physician with whom and in whose car John drove into the Soviet sector of Berlin on that fateful

evening of July 20, 1954, 10th anniversary of the Hitler plot.

Lawrence of Arabia and Mata Hari were pale figures compared with the monster Delmer I found goggling at me from the newspapers' boardings and magazine covers.

I was accused of being all kinds of conspirator and agent, from British secret-service man down to Red stool-pigeon.

German officials were instructed in a special Cabinet office order to have no truck with me. Lengthy inquiries were held into my past. My friends British and German were questioned about me.

Two things gave rise to this.

1. John, head of the German security service, had been seen publicly dining with me on several occasions during the weeks in which I was gathering material for a series of articles exposing the comeback of the Nazis in Germany.

2. I had arrived in Bonn from London on the very morning that the disappearance of John was made public.

And then I revealed what apparently even the German officials did not know—though it was leaked in John's official

notebook which he had left behind: An East German contact had been sent in March 1954 to see John and propose that he should go over to the East.

That contact was Baron Wolfgang von Puttitz, a former German diplomat John had met while they were both working in Britain against Hitler.

John rejected this overture with a decisive jeer.

That report of mine, subsequently confirmed by Dr Gerhard Schroeder, West German Minister of the Interior, was seized on with delight by the German nationalists as evidence of collusion between "Red agent Delmer" and "Red agent John."

They used it in an attempt to discredit the revelations contained in my despatches warning against them, and at the same time to discredit John himself, who had used his office not only to smelt out the Communists in West Germany, but to oppose a Nazi comeback.

The hint

I RECOGNISED all this for what it was—a flood of lies let loose by former practitioners of the Goebbels propaganda machine now once more installed in German newspapers.

I formed a theory that John had been investigated by Dr Wohlgemuth into crossing the sector border either under the influence of drugs or perhaps of alcohol. (And reports from West Germany now back this idea.)

Then in conformity with his own recipe he pretended to throw in his lot with the men he had always denounced to me as enemies even more dangerous to Germany than the Nazis.

I must confess I was badly shaken when he got up at a Press conference in East Berlin

in August 1954 and delivered a tirade against renazification. But then giving me a meaningful look, he said: "I did not decide to stay here until after I'd had talks with the gentlemen on this side."

That was about as far as he could possibly go in the presence of Soviet Intelligence high-up Tchirnov, Dr Wilhelm Girmus, his East German sponsor, and those bull-necked bodyguards who were listening in.

But John also told me:—"That the reason he could not deliver his attack on the nationalist and militarist comeback in West Germany was that 'I should have been arrested and accused of betrayal of secrets, misuse of my official position and all that sort of thing.'"

THAT he could not return to West Germany now. If he did he would be gaoled.

THAT neither the Russian authorities nor the East Germans had put any pressure on him to reveal secrets and his activities on the other side were confined to propaganda for reunification of Germany and the fight against renazification.

The plot

AND now John, once more using I have no doubt the same combination of luck, reckless courage and psychological skill which enabled him to escape Hitler's vengeance, has managed to make his getaway from the Reds.

It will not be long, I bet, before the Nazis in West Germany will start telling us his flight was a put up job.

Do not believe them. For I know this man John. He is no traitor. He is a German patriot anxious to see his country reunited and free both of Communists and Nazis.

JOSEPHINE BAKER BUILDS HER OWN MONUMENT

By SYDNEY SMITH

THE star nude dancer of Montmartre's music halls for 28 years, Josephine Baker, now on the plumper side of 50, is turning herself into a legend.

She has transformed a thousand-year-old chateau, on a 600-acre estate in southwest France, into a huge tourist centre. Everything in it, from the waxwork museum, recounting the great moments of her life, to the 25-roomed hotel where guests can rent a replica of her curtained four-poster bed, is a monument to the Great Josephine.

In the heart of the park stands a life-sized figure of the spirit of motherhood. But it has the face of the copper-coloured girl from Missouri who called "Josephine."

The last but one is a life-sized representation of the scene when she and her husband were married, a private audience by the Pope five years ago.

These episodes in her life she calls "Josephine"—Josephine's panoramas.

The final one shows her life-size, hand in hand with her seven adopted sons walking up a hill covered with a green

Mexican and an Israeli. They are the children Josephine and her dance band leader husband, Jo Bouillon, have adopted.

The children are the real reason for the vast Luna Park-style memorial that Josephine is creating. It will be their livelihood and heritage.

The waxwork museum recounts the story of Josephine's life in ten episodes. The first tells of when, as a little child in Missouri, an ancient "fairy" appeared to her and told her: "The words you seek are—understanding, tolerance and love."

There is also a huge case of Josephine's Resistance record—her medals, a letter from General De Gaulle, a regimental flag, a picture of Josephine as a lieutenant in the women's branch of the French Air Force.

The memorial estate, a centre for her admirers, is absolutely self-contained. It has its own power, water, light and food from two farms. It has three tennis courts, a swimming pool, winter and summer theatres, bowling alley, a bar, car park, petrol station, post office, miniature golf course and a hotel as well as a chateau.

"Cornflakes
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brown sugar on, Mummy"

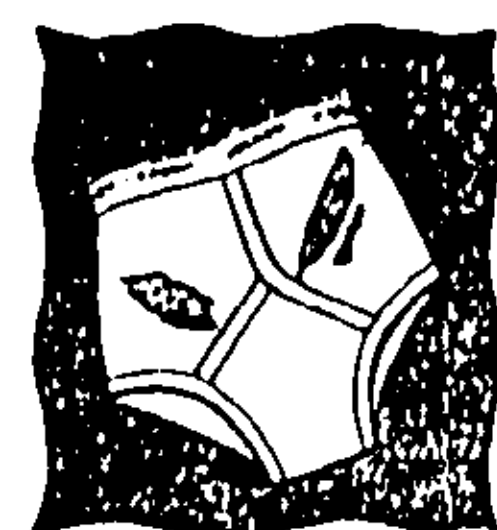


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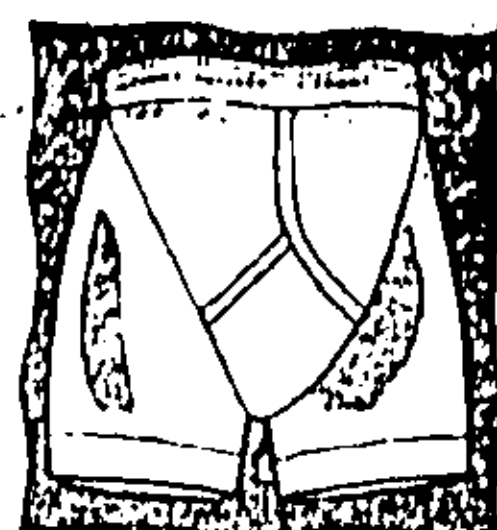
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THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

FOURTH RACE MEETING

Tuesday 27th December, 1955 & Monday 2nd January, 1956

(To be held under the Rules of the Hong Kong Jockey Club)

THE PROGRAMME WILL CONSIST OF 20 RACES

The First Race will be at 11.30 a.m. and the Last Race at 12.00 Noon on both days.

The 15th interval is after the Fourth Race (1.30 p.m.) each day.

The Secretary's Office at Alexandra House will close at 10.00 a.m. on both days.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE

NO PERSON WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED.

All persons MUST wear their badges prominently displayed throughout the meeting.

Admission Badges at \$10.00 each per day are obtainable through the Secretary on the written or personal introduction of a Member, such member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him.

Tickets will be obtainable at the Club House if ordered in advance from the No. 1 Box (Tel. 72811).

NO CHILDREN will be admitted to the Club's premises during the Meeting. For this purpose a Child is a person under the age of seventeen years. Western Standard.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The price of admission will be \$3.00 each per day payable at the Gate.

Any person leaving the Enclosure will be required to pay the requisite fee of \$3.00 in order to gain re-admission.

MEALS and REFRESHMENTS will be obtainable in the RESTAURANT.

SERVANTS

Servants must remain in their employer's boxes except for passing through on their duties. They may on no account use the Betting Booths in the Members' Enclosure.

CASH SWEEPS

Through Cash Sweep Tickets at \$20.00 each per day and \$40.00 for both days may be obtained from the Cash Sweep Offices at Queen's Building, (Chater Road), and 5, D'Aguilar Street during normal office hours and until 10.00 a.m. on the day of the Race Meeting.

Particular numbers within the series 1 to 3,000 may be reserved for all race meetings as Through Tickets. Such tickets will be issued consecutively only and the right is reserved by the Stewards to cancel any reservation for Through Tickets for a particular Meeting if it is found that sales may not reach the number reserved in the series 1 to 3,000.

In the case of two-day Race Meetings, Through Tickets may be purchased for each day of the Meeting provided that the second day is on a date not less than five days after the first day. In all other cases Through Tickets will only be sold for the whole Meeting.

Tickets reserved and available but not paid for by 10.00 a.m. on Saturday, 24th December, will be sold and the reservation cancelled for future Meetings.

Tickets over 3,000 will also be issued consecutively but particular numbers cannot be reserved as Through Tickets.

The reservation of any particular number does not confer on the registered holder any rights whatsoever unless the ticket bearing the appropriate number is issued to and can be produced by the holder.

The Stewards reserve the right to refuse any subscription also the right to remove any name from subscription lists without stating reasons for their action.

Cash Sweep Tickets on the last race of the Meeting at \$2.00 each may be obtained from the Cash Sweep Offices at Queen's Building (Chater Road), 5, D'Aguilar Street and 382, Nathan Road during normal office hours and until 10.00 a.m. on both days of the Meeting.

SPECIAL CASH SWEEP

Tickets for the Special Cash Sweep on the Pearce Memorial Cup scheduled to be run on 4th February 1956, at \$2.00 each, may be obtained from the Cash Sweep Offices.

TOTALISATOR

Backers are advised not to destroy or throw away their tickets until after the "all clear" signal has been exhibited.

ALL WINNING TICKETS AND TICKETS FOR REFUNDS MUST BE PRESENTED FOR PAYMENT AT THE RACE COURSE ON THE DAY TO WHICH THEY REFER, NOT LATER THAN ONE HOUR AFTER THE TIME FOR WHICH THE LAST RACE OF THE DAY HAS BEEN SCHEDULED TO BE RUN.

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By Order of the Stewards,

A. E. ARNOLD,

Secretary.

THE JIMMY DIMMOCK STORY

I Wept As We Took The Cup Home

As told by JIMMY DIMMOCK to JACK WOOD

The occasion was the FA Cup Final at Stamford Bridge between Tottenham Hotspur and Wolves in 1921. There was a crowd of 72,805, who paid the then record gate receipts of £13,414, and the star of it all was Jimmy Dimmock.

With one shot that hurtled low through the damp London air Dimmock became famous for all time. Yet, as he looks back to that April afternoon, Jimmy talks of the goal as "A little on the lucky side."

"It was raining hard, and as I made for goal I pushed the ball a bit too far ahead," he recalls. "It went straight to Woodward, the Wolves right-back; but he only half-cleared back to me.

"I ran forward a couple of yards and hit it. The ball never rose more than a foot, and I knew then that Wolves' six-foot goalkeeper, George, would never get across and down to it in time.

"I suppose it was my greatest moment. But all I felt at that moment was sorry for Woodward."

The ride back to White Hart Lane in the evening saw cheering crowds all the way for the last mile of the route to the ground. They yelled for "The Boy" as the coach crept forward, but Dimmock stayed in the middle of a bunch of players.

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NOTICE

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PEAT, MARWICK, MITCHELL & CO.

Treasurers.

Hong Kong, 19th Dec., 1955.

The West Ham girl who had become Mrs Jimmy Dimmock a year earlier stood proudly with the day's hero as directors and manager McWilliam spoke.

Dimmock had a slip of the champagne and asked for a Guinness. "The celebrations were warming up, when about eight o'clock I asked the wife if we could leave," says Dimmock.

"We left without saying good-night. I was too worked up to stay. I just couldn't believe that all this had happened to me. The crowds were outside the main entrance, and Alice and me slipped out through a side door."

Before the Stamford Bridge triumph Dimmock was capped against Scotland, but he did not have a good game, and no wonder.

His own manager, the great McWilliam, had written off to Scotland's right back, Jack Marshall, careful instructions on how to hold the left-wing menace.

A SCOT FIRST

"Peter was a Scot first and my boss second," says Jimmy. "His own boy, the kid from the road just a little way from the ground, had taken the Cup to Tottenham."

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Fred's World

By HENRY LONGHURST

The idea of playing the last three rounds of the amateur Championship over 36 holes is clearly one on which a great many people hold forcible views.

These have been represented in a volume of correspondence, for which I am sincerely grateful, and when it has been inwardly digested, we will return to the topic. In the meantime I am happy to report that in innumerable golfing households the problem of what to give father for Christmas has been conveniently solved by Mr Bernard Darwin.

A now book from this revered source represents to the common sense and refreshing event of a rare, in fact, that most of Darwin's youthful nephew, who is now a professional, has written a chapter on the subject. The present one, "The World That Fred Made," is certainly no exception.

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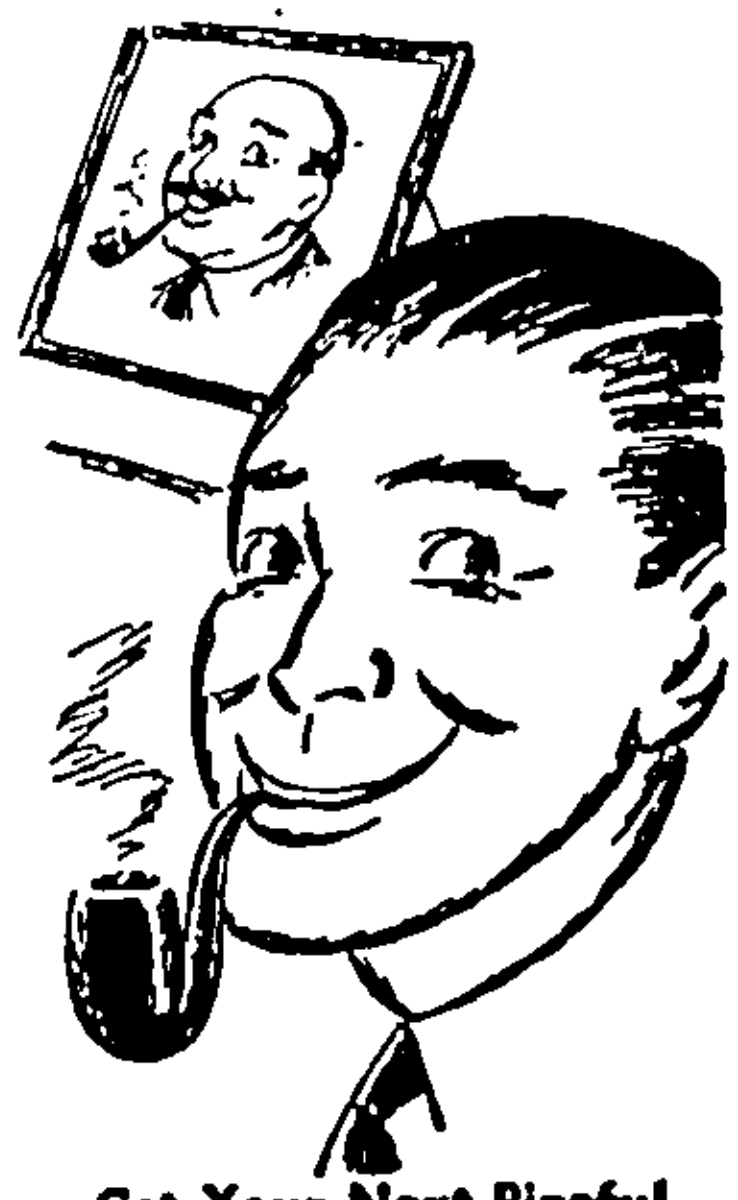
St. John Ambulance Orders

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AROUND HOLLYWOOD

Humphrey Bogart Says "It's Big Business, Championship Fights"

By MICHAEL RUDDY

It was ringside at the big fight. I sat with Humphrey Bogart, one of New York's ace sports writers, as Max Baer blasted hopes of a Championship out of giant Mike Lane.

Hundreds of extras roared as Baer bore in on the tottering giant and unmercifully slugged him with shattering rights and smashing lefts and it reminded me how Primo Carnera, now a professional wrestler, was battered in his fights.

"The Harder They Fall" is based on the Carnera fiasco, I'm sure, although Columbia officials make no mention of it.

Two sound stages were converted into an immense boxing arena with thousands of faces and upper bodies painted on to a backdrop. These artificial extras are cunningly blended with the 520 atmosphere players engaged for three days for the closeups and medium shots.

Also ringside is Jersey Joe Walcott, who plays himself in this story of the pugilistic game—and racket.

BIG BUSINESS

"I've learned a hell of a lot since I began this film," said Bogart to me. "It's big business, Championship fights."

Apparently the rules are made by those who run the business. They don't like interference!

I met Mr. Bogart the following night with Lauren Bacall and Frank Sinatra, the David Niven, and a selection of Sinatra's pals at the preview of "The Man With Golden Arms," the controversial story of a narcotic addict, played by Sinatra.

It's a grim, sordid and often horrifying film, with portrayals by Eleanor Parker, as the neurotic wife, Kim Novak as the hostess in a cheap cabaret and Sinatra as the poker dealer who keeps going with heroin.

"The Man With The Golden Arm" will be released without the Production Code seal. The subject violates the code. Producer-director Otto Preminger knows it, so does Sinatra. They hope for a compromise with the Production Code administration.

Sinatra's clothes were interesting. Dark blue suit, dark blue shirt, light blue tie, black

CIVIL AID SERVICES

No. 47. Orders by the Hon. C. E. Terry, OBE, Commissioner, Civil Aid Services of December 21, 1955.

Headquarters—The Commissioner sends Christmas greetings and best wishes for the New Year to all members of the Civil Aid Services.

Holidays—Headquarters will be closed on December 26 and 27, 1955, for the Christmas Holidays and on January 2, 1956 for the New Year Holiday.

C.A.S. Pay Section—Full Day Training—Full day training will take place on Sunday, January 8, 1956. Place of Training, C.A.S. Headquarters. Time of Parade, 0900 to 1700 hours.

Parades for the payment of bounties will be held as stated below. Payments will not be made unless C.A.S. Parades are produced.

(b) Personnel of the undermentioned units will report to the C.A.S. Pay-Headquarters between 1700 hrs. and 1900 hrs. on the dates stated: 21.12.55 (Friday), Communications Unit. 20.12.55 (Thursday), Eastern Zone.

Return of stores—All Zones/Units and individuals who were issued with arms and equipment during the Colony Civil Defence Exercise should return them to Headquarters by 5 p.m. on Wednesday, December 28, 1955.

G. T. Rowe, Chief Officer, Civil Aid Services, 21.12.55.

NOTICE

CASAM Club Christmas Party for Children of Members

The CASAM Club will be holding their annual Christmas Party for children of members of the Club on Monday, December 26, 1955 at the C.A.S. Kowloon Training Centre, Argyle Street, Kowloon, commencing at 3 p.m.

Free refreshment will be given to those children attending the Party, and a film show comprising "Christmas Carol" and "Let Us Sing Together" will be shown for their benefit. After the show, there will be a distribution of presents by Santa Claus.

All members and their children are welcome.

hamburg pat. He looked like an old fashioned mobster.

With his arm around his daughter, Nancy, who looked sick after the picture, Sinatra chatted with David Niven outside the cinema.

"Sure, I'll meet you there. It's a quiet joint but first I must take the chicken home," he said. The chicken? His daughter. Still with him around the sixteen-year-old, he walked across the road to his dark grey Thunderbird and roared off.

Lycentropy? Do you know what it is? When you see "The Werewolf," a little horror-film with Joyce Holden, Don MacGowan and Steve Ritch, you'll find out. I won't. These creatures from down below, mammoth ants in "Them," "Tarantulas" and roving pterodactyls are not my cup of tea.

A NEW PUB

Brevia: There's a new pub in Beverly Hills which advertises Elton Spitts and a wood shop which displays Sweaters for Starlets—All Much Too Small... Red Skelton observes that when three actresses are talking, it's conversation; when one leaves, it's gossip. "My best Christmas dinner," says Gary Cooper, "was roast venison basted with bear fat after a hunt in Montana."

Winner of the week's sloppy dress award is Joan Collins who came to lunch at the Cafe de Paris TC Fox Studios, looking as if she were going to school at the RADA.

At the ball after the Audience Awards banquet, winners James Dean, Tab Hunter, Peggy Lee, Jennifer Jones and "Mister Roberts," I watched Grace Kelly dancing with Alec Guinness.

Particularly pleasing was the enormous ovation extended to Alec Guinness when he came to the dais to present an award. He is Britain's most popular player in the USA.

I've discovered that dreamy look Grace Kelly gets while dancing is chiefly due to her myopia. She's extremely short-sighted, and like Joan Crawford, Bette Davis, Rosalind Russell and Irene Dunne, wears glasses for reading.

"You are up late for a working girl," I said to her. "Not really. I have a day off tomorrow," She explained.

"SEARCH FOR BEAUTY"

Memories of Paramount's "Search For Beauty" were suddenly recalled when I met Ann Sheridan at MGM Studios. It was a plump 21-year-old school-teacher from Texas. Name: Mary Lou Sheridan. Year: 1933. Salary: \$50 a week. "I was just a fat girl in those days," said Ann. "I know nothing but I learned fast." Now she co-stars with June Allyson, Ann Miller and Dolores Gray in "The Opposite Sex," a musical version of "The Women." Ann's salary this week \$3,000. Well, that's progress.

If you've wondered about "Invitation to the Dance," a much-publicized film of two years ago, starring Gene Kelly, directed by Gene Kelly, it was finally completed last month. The complicated animated sequence caused the holdups and delays. MGM officials inform me it will be shown next Spring.

I asked producer-director Stanley Kramer whether Ava Gardner would play the role of the Spanish woman in "The Pride and the Passion" with estranged husband, Frank Sinatra, and Cary Grant as the Spanish guerrilla and the British parol officer. Said Kramer guardedly, "We have talked about it." Fact—all hope she will.

I watched Bing Crosby kidnapping Jerry Lewis on the set of "Pardners" at Paramount then Bing did a fast duet with Dean Martin.

Bing retiring? Not in 1955. "I'll be doing 'High Society'—re-make of 'The Philadelphia Story'—songs by Cole Porter, old mini, and some television," he told me. "What would I do

if I retired?" Guide the careers of your sons, collect dividends and play golf, Bing.

John Bentley rang me. "Audrey Dalton asked me to ring you," he said. "We did 'Confession' with Sydney Chaplin. I've had a busy week, getting a flat, a car and a school for my son, Roger, 9, who's been having the time of his life around the studio."

What led to his contract with U? "Well, 'Confession'. It seems they were looking at Sydney Chaplin in it and cabled me to come to Hollywood for a film. But I went to Africa for one of these safari-affairs, 'The Hunted' and I got another cable offering a long term-contract. My first film is 'Istanbul', a rather sympathetic part," Bentley said breezily.

TERRIFIC SPEED

His impression of Hollywood—"The distances, the terrific speed on the freeways, the marvellous weather and the extraordinary friendliness of the people in every walk of life."

Bentley's background—Birmingham-born, broadcasting for the BBC, Midlands region, the stage, films.

Bentley's future—Bright Hollywood demands new talent, new players and particularly players of international appeal.

In the Oscar sweepstakes, "Picnic" with William Holden, Kim Novak, and Rosalind Russell and "The Rose Tattoo" with Anna Magnani. Columbia Studios rushed a special showing of "Picnic" to the Academy Awards and during the next two months the press-agents will be working overtime making the film industry "Picnic" conscious.

Michael Curtis, the Hungarian director, came on to the set of "The Mountain" to watch Robert Wagner and Spencer Tracy do a stiff climb over a studio-made glacier. As he left, Mike said, "That Spencer Tracy. He's such a good-looking guy even if he doesn't look it."

Cardiff Make Bid For The Robledos

Three League clubs want to give George and Ted Robledo, stars of Newcastle's Cup-winning team in 1952, the chance of a one-way trip from Chile to England in the New Year.

South American contacts are negotiating with their club, Colo Colo, on behalf of Cardiff, while Barnsley and Lincoln are making their propositions by cable.

The price Cardiff are prepared to pay, plus the enterprise of their Latin-American agents, makes them favourites should the Robledos agree to make their future in Wales.

The verdict may lie with Mama Robledo, an imposing combination of business manager and mother. Santiago is her birthplace—that's why her boys went out there—but Mrs. R. is more shrewd than sentimental.

Colo Colo directors blamed the Robledos for a bad run recently and imposed a suspension which was lifted only after threats by the fans.

Until their South American negotiations show signs of success Cardiff are keeping their eyes open for British talent.

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PRESTIGE GAME

When Wolves played and beat Moscow Dynamo there were 55,000 people present, and £20,000 was taken. But each Wolverhampton player received only £2 for winning such a vital prestige game. They would have got nothing if they had lost. This is football League law.

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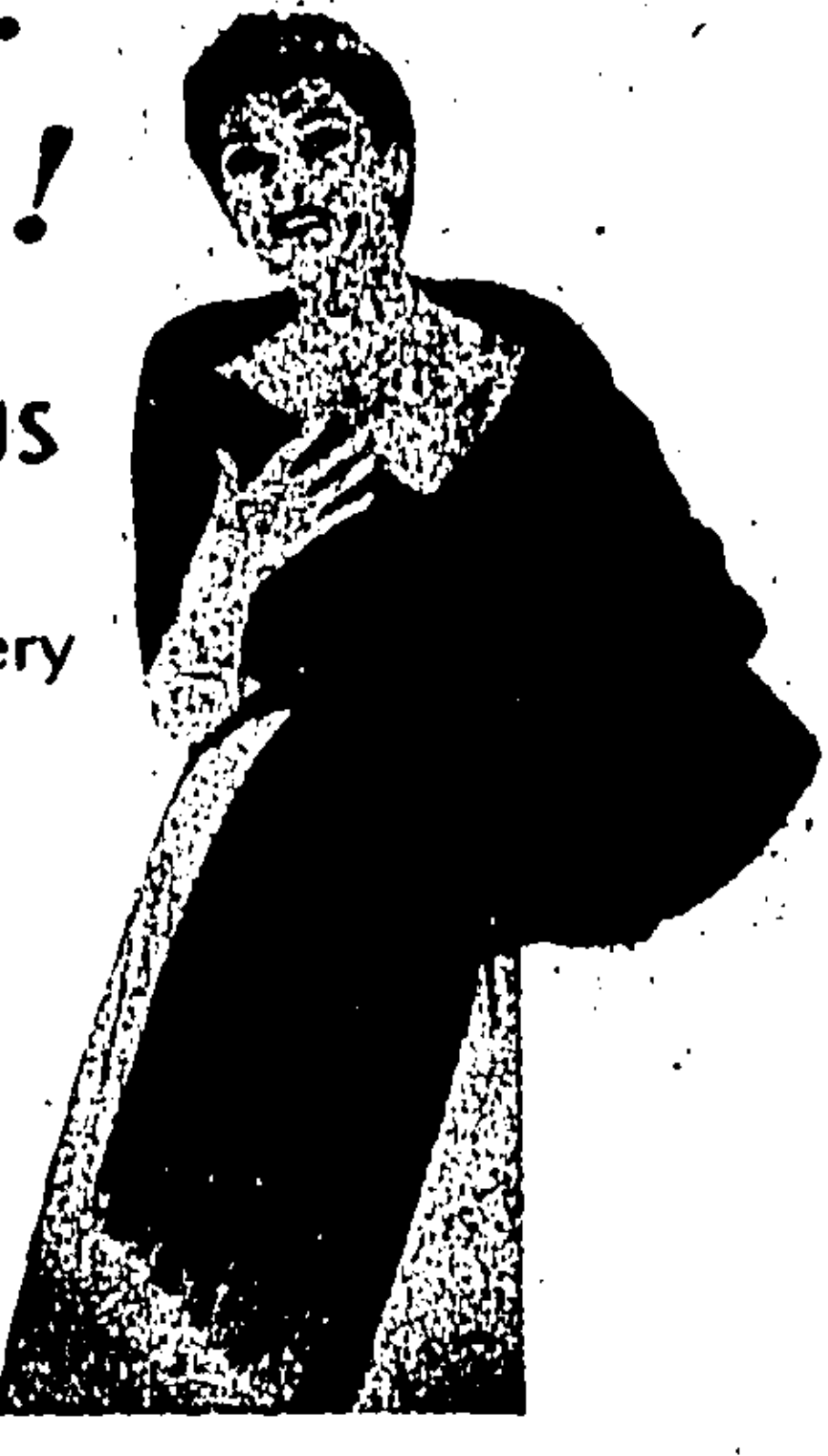


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JOHN CLARKE'S CASEBOOK

The Hotel Manager

As guests pushed through the swinging doors of the quiet country hotel, out of the bustling city, into a comfortable atmosphere of steam heat and thick-piled carpets, they were met by the manager.

He fitted admirably into his surroundings — black-coated, exuding discretion, excellent at making guests feel that the hotel had been conceived and built only for them.

"If you would sign here.... Yes, of course, I'll have someone do that immediately.... But certainly, madam."

The manager could not be faulted on his part.

FAST IMPERFECT

THE manager's first name was Bertram. His wife was housekeeper in the same hotel. Both did their work excellently.

The owner of the hotel did not know that Bertram had spent a year in prison for stealing £150 by fraud and using useless cheques to obtain another £100.

They could not know that Bertram had also spent 18 months in jail for office-breaking, workshop-breaking and theft.

All Bertram's employers saw was the eminently satisfactory manager they had hired.

THE BOOKS

WHEN he announced he would be leaving, going to a better job, they were sorry. When he agreed that the hotel's books were in a mess and that £80 seemed to have gone astray, they were sympathetic.

All the more so because Bertram wrote out his own cheque then and there for £80 of the missing money.

"I'm going to have a bit of a holiday before I start the next job," Bertram told them. "Have a look at the books. Whatever you're short of, I'll settle after the holiday."

It was not until some time after Bertram's going, guests began to arrive at the hotel — guests who swore that they had paid deposits on their rooms — that the hotel owners began to realise the extent to which their former manager had been cheating them. They called in the police.

COMPOSURE

BERTRAM was arrested in the South Coast town where he was by then working in another hotel. He was charged and given bail. Then he disappeared. The South Coast hotel began to look at their books. They discovered that Bertram had robbed them of £150.

But where was Bertram? No one knew — until one day he walked into a police station in North Lancashire and gave himself up.

He was brought to London, to Bow Street, and there he pleaded guilty to a series of charges of embezzlement.

Bertram's composure did not desert him as he stood in the dock.

Today's Gazetted Appointments

Dr Teng Pin-hui has been appointed Assistant Director of Health Services, it was announced in the Government Gazette today.

Other appointments gazetted were: Mr E. A. L. Cushman to be Structural Engineer; Mr J. S. Hirst to be Architect; Mr R. A. Coutts to be Building Surveyor; Mr G. R. Pickett to be Acting Assistant Commissioner of Prisons; Mr A. J. Elliott (retired) to be Acting Assistant Superintendent of Crown Lands, during the absence of Mr Richardson; Mr D. H. Small to be Acting Dental Specialist during the absence of Mr Allwright; Miss M. M. Graham to be a school mistress.

It was also announced that Mr L. Baumann has resumed his duties as Superintendent of Prisons on return from leave, vice Mr R. S. Rosen (Chief Officer). Mr M. Morley-John has resumed his duties as Crown Counsel on return from leave.

PROMOTION

Police Constable (Special) George MacDonald Goldsack has been promoted to the rank of Senior Superintendent of Police in the Special Constabulary, it was announced in the Government Gazette today.



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SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"Wait, your father's on a diet! Give me one of those and I'll hide it where he can find it after we're in bed!"

SENTENCE REDUCED FOR MAN ON DRUG CHARGE

Opposing an appeal for reduction of sentence Crown Counsel, Mr Bodilly, told the Full Court this morning, that the appellant was convicted of possession of "100 years' supply of heroin."

Mr Patrick Yu (instructed by Mr Stevenson) asked the Full Court, comprising the Chief Justice, Mr M. J. Hogan, and Mr Justice J. R. Gregg, for a reduction of the five-year sentence passed on Chung Tun-kwong by Kowloon District Judge Charles last month for possession of and manufacturing the drug.

The Court reduced the sentence by a year.

Mr Yu submitted that the law recognised degrees of culpability and the Judge had accepted the fact that appellant was only an employee and the real head of the group of offenders was another accused who absconded before his trial. Nevertheless the Judge went on to impose the maximum sentence on the appellant.

Counsel said that if the other accused had been tried even though the Judge found him to be the main culprit he could not have passed a heavier sentence in the District Court.

DISCRIMINATION NEEDED

Mr Yu said that although that ground would be of no defence at all, it was a matter to be taken into consideration in sentencing where there should be a discrimination between the appellant and his employer, the man who was the main culprit.

Mr Bodilly said he was instructed to oppose any reduction. The reason why so many of these cases were tried in the District Court was that they would be more quickly dealt with. It did not today cease because the maximum sentence could only have been five years that such a sentence should not have been passed on the rest of the accused. The Judge might feel that anything less than five years would be inadequate. He said that the traffic in heroin was such a menace that it was necessary to impose the maximum on every person connected with it.

The accused was found in possession of 13 pounds of heroin and he was instructed that about one ounce only was to be used in the Colony for legitimate medical purposes. This would make the amount 100 years' supply.

DISTINCTION APPROPRIATE

In allowing the appeal the Chief Justice remarked that it must be accepted that the Crown prosecutor thought five years an adequate sentence because they took the case to the District Court. Whether they came to that conclusion because they felt the case would be more quickly dealt with did not detract from that presumption.

The Court felt that in this case it would have been appropriate to draw some distinction between the accused who was clearly recognised as the ring-leader and the main instigator in the manufacturing offence and the other accused. Since it was accepted by the Crown that five years would have been appropriate for the ring-leader (because that was the maximum) the Court felt that four years would be an adequate sentence for the appellant, the Chief Justice said.

Mail Notices

The latest times of posting shown below are those for ordinary mail. The latest times for registered mail are shown below. Particulars regarding parcel mail can be ascertained by enquiry at any post office.

CHRISTMAS ARRANGEMENTS

On Sunday December 23, 1956, all post offices will be closed for public business. There will be an ordinary delivery of mail on Monday, December 24, 1956, at 8 a.m.

On Monday, December 24, 1956, the public business of the Post Office will be closed from 9 a.m. to Noon. On Tuesday, December 25, 1956, the public business of the Post Office will be closed from 9 a.m. to Noon. On Wednesday, December 26, 1956, the public business of the Post Office will be closed from 9 a.m. to Noon.

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Malaya, Indonesia, Australia, New Zealand & Ceylon, 6 p.m.
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Japan, 6 p.m.
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China, People's Republic, 6 p.m.
Indonesia, 6 p.m.
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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28

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Formosa, 6 p.m.
Korea, 6 p.m.
U.S.A., Canada, 6 p.m.
Japan, 6 p.m.
East Africa, Great Britain & Europe, 6 p.m.
By Surface
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Japan, 6 p.m.
East Africa, Great Britain & Europe, 6 p.m.
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HK Christmas Mail Postings Set Astonishing New Records

3 MILLION ITEMS HANDLED IN COURSE OF 10 DAYS

THE COLONY'S CHRISTMAS MAIL POSTINGS THIS YEAR HAVE ALREADY SMASHED EXISTING RECORDS. IT WAS OFFICIALLY DISCLOSED BY THE POSTMASTER GENERAL THIS MORNING.

During a ten-day period ended yesterday, nearly three million items had been cleared from posting boxes or handed in over post office counters. This surpasses the record set up last year when in 10 days from December 14 to the 23rd, over 2,400,000 items were posted in the Colony.

The major portion of this year's postings was made between the 18th and the 22nd and presented the Post Office with one of the most difficult problems it has so far had to face, especially when it is remembered that each item has to be handled twice before it is despatched or delivered.

Mr L. C. Saville, the Postmaster General, said this still further growth of Christmas traffic has shown there is no falling off in the desire of the people of Hongkong to send messages of peace and goodwill to all their relatives and friends both here and overseas.

The magnitude of traffic which has to be handled each day can be judged from the figures quoted but even more so when it is realised that these do not include the inward letter and parcel mails which arrive daily by air, sea and rail from other countries. The work of handling this mail has been carried out cheerfully and efficiently by the staff despite the very long hours they have had to work. Staff from all sections has been concentrated in the sorting offices and all have rolled up their sleeves and really got down to the work of ensuring that the millions of messages of Christmas greetings have been despatched and delivered.

In the four days from Monday the 18th and Thursday the 22nd of December, some 1,720,000 items were posted in Hongkong and there is no doubt that today over 400,000 items will be received in collections from posting boxes. The latest time of posting by which the Post Office will guarantee delivery by Christmas Day, 8 a.m. on Saturday, December 24. All items posted by this time will be cleared before the posting on Monday, December 25, and a delivery of the staff of the Post Office will have little time to rest. The Post Office counters at Victoria, Kowloon Central and Sheung Wan Post Offices will also be opened from 9 a.m. to noon on December 25 and 26, and at Wanchai from 10 a.m. to noon.

STAGGERING

Air Mail facilities were used to a far greater extent than ever before especially the second class air mail service. The volume of air mail correspondence and parcels posted in Hongkong has increased steadily throughout the year but it was not anticipated that the Christmas second class air mail postings would rise to the proportions experienced. On four days already the total weight of air mails despatched to all destinations has exceeded one ton and on Tuesday, December 20, the total was 3 1/2 tons. The volume of air mail service, well over 1 1/2 tons of air mail was despatched and on Thursday, December 22, the total was 3 3/4 tons, again almost 1 1/2 tons.

This tremendous concentration of mail in the past week has been watched by the controlling officers so as to prevent any accumulation. This is always a danger at Christmas time as should accumulation take place from one day to the next it is extremely difficult to clear it.

The very heavy postings on Monday and Tuesday gave a warning as to what could be expected and immediate steps were taken to put into service additional sorting frames which had been ordered as a safety measure. These frames due to lack of space had to be placed in dimly lit corridors but emergency lighting was quickly installed and the situation thus relieved.

THE FIRST TIME

On checking the figures for Tuesday, December 20, it was found that just over 415,000 items had been posted. On Thursday, December 22, the astonishing total of 527,885 items were recorded as being posted in Victoria, Kowloon and the New Territories. This is the first time that the half million mark has been passed in one day's posting and is by far the greatest number of items ever posted in a single day in Hongkong.

As previously reported a total of 18,591 parcels contained in 2,447 bags were forwarded in ships bound for the United Kingdom between October 21 and November 6, a great portion of which no doubt were Christmas parcels for delivery in the United Kingdom. These figures compare favourably with the United Kingdom surface mail for 1954 when a total of 14,799 parcels were despatched in 1,723 bags during the relative period.

During the ten day period ending December 22, a total of 1,331 bags of air mail, 7,357 bags of surface letter mail have been received containing items for local delivery and in transit at the same time 3,465 bags of parcel mail or Hongkong containing some 15,000 parcels for local delivery have been handled.

Today, a surface mail of approximately 700 bags is due to be received from the United Kingdom. This will be the last surface mail which will arrive from England before Christmas Day and this mail combined with the very heavy local postings which are expected will necessitate the staff of the Post Office working once more far into the night.

A further mail from the United Kingdom is due to arrive on December 26, again with approximately 700 bags of mail which the Post Office will endeavour to deliver on Tuesday morning, December 27. A delivery will be made also on Christmas Day so that with a heavy mail arrival on Monday, December 26, and a delivery of the staff of the Post Office will have little time to rest. The Post Office counters at Victoria, Kowloon Central and Sheung Wan Post Offices will also be opened from 9 a.m. to noon on December 25 and 26, and at Wanchai from 10 a.m. to noon.

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carried out by the postmen in keeping up a clearance of mail for delivery can only be described as magnificent.

The mail cooies also although not performing a spectacular task have worked long hours on heavy work and deserve equal praise.

"These are occasions when the rewards of reorganisation and training are seen and, although the Christmas pressure is not yet over, I am proud of my staff and the work they have carried out this Christmas time," said the Postmaster General.

European On False Pretences Charges

A European, Frederick Cyril Goodman, 49, pleaded guilty to 10 charges of obtaining goods totalling \$6,001.05 and money totalling \$5,000 by false pretences before the Magistrate, Mr K. A. S. Phillips at Kowloon Court this morning.

Sentences on defendant was deferred to January 4, 1957 when two other people who are charged with similar offences will be tried before Court.

According to DST P. H. Walker of the CID Yeumati, prosecuting, stated that on November 16, Mr P. J. Hanley, agent for Gammon (Malaya) Limited in Hongkong reported to the Police that a European named Frederick Cyril Goodman had obtained a quantity of rice and cooking oil valued at \$6,001.05 from the Dak Hing Lung rice shop at 26 Fa Yuen Street, ground floor, by stating that he was employed by and acted on behalf of Gammon Limited.

Mr Hanley stated, in fact, that to person by the name of Frederick Cyril Goodman was employed by the company. Police enquiries revealed that Goodman had in fact been obtaining the rice and cooking oil from a Chinese, Chan Ping-pai, manager of the company. Mr Walker said that further inquiries by the Police revealed that between October 22 and November 25 the defendant had received \$5,000 from Lam Fook-wing by similar false pretence.

Inspector Walker said that the defendant was arrested on December 10, and when he was charged, admitted the offence.

Consul-General Given Recognition

H.E. the Governor, under instructions from the Secretary of State for the Colonies, has recognised Monsieur H. de Romree de Vicherey as Consul-General for Belgium at Hongkong, it was announced in the Government Gazette today. This recognition is provisional and pending the issue of Her Majesty's Exequatur.

Formal recognition has been accorded to Dr Giuliano Berticelli by H.E. the Governor as the Vice-Consul for Italy at Hongkong, it was announced.

The plans made this year have withstood the extreme pressure experienced from the unexpected considerable increase in postings of both local and air mail items but, said Mr Saville, he had to above all give praise to the staff of all grades of the Post Office, who have not lagged for a moment throughout the Christmas period.

The staff who have had to work very long hours at a time when they have at no time complained, while the work was

Full Court Dismisses Appeal

The Full Court yesterday dismissed an appeal brought by Lam Man-chee, 22, fish-stall fohki, who was sentenced to death by Mr Justice J. Wicks in the September Criminal Sessions for the murder of another fohki.

The deceased, Wong Hung, was found with a chopper wound in the head in Shaui-wan market on the morning of May 19.

Lam, who was represented by Mr Lawrence Leong, instructed by Mr M. G. Luing, appealed against the conviction last week. The Full Court, comprising the Chief Justice, Mr M. J. Hogan and Mr Justice J. R. Gregg, in a written judgment this morning found that the trial Judge's summing-up, as a whole, could be taken as a fair and balanced presentation of the issues to which the jury should have addressed their minds and that they were satisfied that the summing-up made clear to the jury that they were not entitled to find the accused guilty unless the evidence had convinced them beyond reasonable doubt that the facts alleged in the charge actually happened.

Radio Hongkong

H.K.T. 6 Time Signal and Programme Summary: 6.05, Stock Market Report; 6.08, Programme for Children; 6.15, News; 6.20, "Popularity Poll" presented by Jean; 6.25, "The Three Top Times of the Week" (London); 6.30, "The Weather Report"; 6.35, "Time Signal"; 6.40, "The News (London)"; 6.45, "Comments" (London); 6.50, "Special Announcements"; 7.00, "Festive Hour" presented by Robert; 7.05, "The News (London)"; 7.10, "The News (London)"; 7.15, "The News (London)"; 7.20, "The News (London)"; 7.25, "The News (London)"; 7.30, "The News (London)"; 7.35, "The News (London)"; 7.40, "The News (London)"; 7.45, "The News (London)"; 7.50, "The News (London)"; 7.55, "The News (London)"; 8.00, "The News (London)"; 8.05, "The News (London)"; 8.10, "The News (London)"; 8.15, "The News (London)"; 8.20, "The News (London)"; 8.25, "The News (London)"; 8.30, "The News (London)"; 8.35, "The News (London)"; 8.40, "The News (London)"; 8.45, "The News (London)"; 8.50, "The News (London)"; 8.55, "The News (London)"; 9.00, "The News (London)"; 9.05, "The News (London)"; 9.10, "The News (London)"; 9.15, "The News (London)"; 9.20, "The News (London)"; 9.25, "The News (London)"; 9.30, "The News (London)"; 9.35, "The News (London)"; 9.40, "The News (London)"; 9.45, "The News (London)"; 9.50, "The News (London)"; 9.55, "The News (London)"; 10.00, "The News (London)"; 10.05, "The News (London)"; 10.10, "The News (London)"; 10.15, "The News (London)"; 10.20, "The News (London)"; 10.25, "The News (London)"; 10.30, "The News (London)"; 10.35, "The News (London)"; 10.40, "The News (London)"; 10.45, "The News (London)"; 10.50, "The News (London)"; 10.55, "The News (London)"; 11.00, "The News (London)"; 11.05, "The News (London)"; 11.10, "The News (London)"; 11.15, "The News (London)"; 11.20, "The News (London)"; 11.25, "The News (London)"; 11.30, "The News (London)"; 11.35, "The News (London)"; 11.40, "The News (London)"; 11.45, "The News (London)"; 11.50, "The News (London)"; 11.55, "The News (London)"; 12.00, "The News (London)"; 12.05, "The News (London)"; 12.10, "The News (London)"; 12.15, "The News (London)"; 12.20, "The News (London)"; 12.25, "The News (London)"; 12.30, "The News (London)"; 12.35, "The News (London)"; 12.40, "The News (London)"; 12.45, "The News (London)"; 12.50, "The News (London)"; 12.55, "The News (London)"; 1.00, "The News (London)"; 1.05, "The News (London)"; 1.10, "The News (London)"; 1.15, "The News (London)"; 1.20, "The News (London)"; 1.25, "The News (London)"; 1.30, "The News (London)"; 1.35, "The News (London)"; 1.40, "The News (London)"; 1.45, "The News (London)"; 1.50, "The News (London)"; 1.55, "The News (London)"; 2.00, "The News (London)"; 2.05, "The News (London)"; 2.10, "The News (London)"; 2.15, "The News (London)"; 2.20, "The News (London)"; 2.25, "The News (London)"; 2.30, "The News (London)"; 2.35, "The News (London)"; 2.40, "The News (London)"; 2.45, "The News (London)"; 2.50, "The News (London)"; 2.55, "The News (London)"; 3.00, "The News (London)"; 3.05, "The News (London)"; 3.10, "The News (London)"; 3.15, "The News (London)"; 3.20, "The News (London)"; 3.25, "The News (London)"; 3.30, "The News (London)"; 3.35, "The News (London)"; 3.40, "The News (London)"; 3.45, "The News (London)"; 3.50, "The News (London)"; 3.55, "The News (London)"; 4.00, "The News (London)"; 4.05, "The News (London)"; 4.10, "The News